



U.S. Department of Justice

*United States Attorney
Southern District of Indiana*

*10 West Market Street
Suite 2100
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-3048*

*(317)226-6333
TDD (317)226-5438*

*FAX NUMBERS:
Criminal (317)226-6125
Administration (317)226-5176
Civil (317)226-5027
FLU (317) 226-6133
OCDETF (317)226-5953*

April 15, 2003

CONTACT PERSONS:

SUSAN W. BROOKS
United States Attorney
(317) 226-6333

CAROL MORRIS
Victim-Witness Coordinator
(317) 229-2406

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**MORGAN COUNTY VICTIM ADVOCATE
TO BE PRESENTED AWARD ON APRIL 16th
FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
RIGHTS OF CRIME VICTIMS**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, will present the "United States Attorney's Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Rights of Victims" to MARLENE FRYE, a Victim Advocate of the Morgan County Prosecutor's Office in Martinsville. In honor of National Crime Victim's Rights Week which was April 6-12th,

-More-

the presentation will take place Wednesday, April 16, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. at the Morgan County Prosecutor's Office, 10 E. Washington Street, Martinsville, Indiana.

This award is given annually by the United States Attorney's Office to honor an individual who unselfishly commits his or her time and efforts to better the lives of crime victims in the Southern District of Indiana. It especially reflects the nation's heightened awareness of the devastating impact of crime and violence on its victims, while underscoring the importance of helping victims heal and rebuild their lives.

Ms. Frye has gone above and beyond what her job has required of her in providing services to victims of crime. She follows up with specific cases when the need arises to assure victims' needs are addressed and that they are notified and understand their rights as mandated by law. Ms. Frye is currently on the Board of Directors of the Desert Rose Foundation and has been working diligently to provide a shelter in Morgan County for domestic violence victims. She assists with sponsoring candlelight vigils for those affected by child abuse and domestic violence so that their lives will not be forgotten. She speaks to organizations and groups on victims' rights and has conducted training for the area's law enforcement agencies. Morgan County Prosecutor Steven P. Sonnega says "Marlene is compassionate, dedicated, experienced, innovative and always willing to do whatever it takes to meet the needs of victims." Ms. Frye is commended for her commitment to the victims in Morgan County, which benefits them individually during a tragic time in their lives, as well as the community as a whole.

#####